

Finishing of Optical Module PCBs



Article Overview

Finishing of optical module PCBs involves precise gold finger plating, copper block embedding, thermal management optimization, and surface treatments to ensure high-speed signal integrity, mechanical precision, and reliable heat dissipation.

Gold Finger and Plug Finishing

Optical module PCBs use gold fingers as the electrical interface for high-speed signals and power delivery. These are often designed with long and short pins to ensure that power is connected before data transmission, protecting sensitive logic chips from damage . The finishing process includes selective gold plating or nickel-palladium plating, solder resist exposure, and precise lead etching . Inner layers at the plug location typically have no copper to reduce impedance differences and suppress electrostatic discharge (ESD), while the outer layer carries the copper for signal conduction .

Thermal Management and Copper Embedding

High-performance optical modules generate significant heat in a confined space. Finishing processes address thermal management through copper paste via filling, embedded copper blocks, plated-through holes, and ELIC structures . Copper blocks are often embedded beneath TOSA and ROSA chips during lamination, with dense laser-drilled blind vias to conduct heat efficiently. Surface flatness and minimal contact thickness are critical to ensure proper thermal conduction and prevent warpage, which could misalign optical components

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